

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Shoji HAYASHIDA

Serial No. 09/616,969

Group Art Unit: 2876

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Examiner: PITTS, H.

For: AN ELECTRONIC CASHLESS SYSTEM

**RESPONSE**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is in response to the communication mailed June 28, 2001, and having a time period for response set to expire on July 30, 2001 (July 28, 2001 being a Saturday). Therefore, this Response is timely filed on or before July 30, 2001.

If any further fees are required in connection with the filing of this Response, please charge our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

**REMARKS**

In response to the Communication mailed June 28, 2001 and pursuant to a telephone conference between the undersigned and the Examiner on July 10, 2001, the Examiner requested that the Applicant supplement the previous response (filed April 23, 2001) to the Office Action mailed January 22, 2001 as follows:

- (1) Opposition: The Examiner requested explanation of what is an Opposition.
- (2) Opposition mailed May 3, 2000 in counterpart patent application in the European Patent Office (Opposition): The Examiner requested that the Applicant should "discuss the negative statements in the Opposition and make a specific comparison of claim language with the opposition documentation as applied and point out patentable/novel claim language vis-à-vis this documentation."
- (3) Line of demarcation between the present invention and parent US patents/applications: During the telephone conference of July 10, 2001, the Examiner requested

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